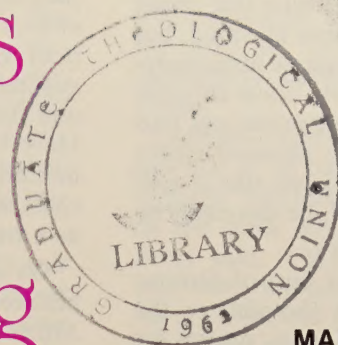




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## *Demonic Activity and The Believer*

By Rev. Earl Minton

Hardly had the creation story been completed and Adam and Eve settled in the beautiful Garden of Eden when Satan, the enemy of God and man makes his appearance. He was dressed in his usual garment of deceit and lies, and what he promised Eve, he has been promising to millions of people since. He said to her, "You shall be as God" (the promise of power), "knowing..." (the promise of knowledge). He lied! He still lies, for he is the father of lies.

He came to Job dressed the same way—with lies and deceit. After destroying all that Job had in possessions and children in such a manner as would prove most devastating, he tried to put the blame on God. In Job 1:16 and 21 we read:

*"While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them, and I only am escaped to tell thee."*

Job said, *"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."*

Judging from the kind of counsel given to Job by his wife, and the understanding and sympathy received from his "miserable comforters," we could easily be led to feel that they too were part of Satan's plan to get Job to curse God. Job remained true to God.

David was a man after God's own heart and chosen by God to be king

over Israel and first in a dynasty of kings culminating in the eternal Kingship of Jesus Christ, the son of David. Though we are not given much of a glimpse behind the scenes, we can be sure that many of the problems and temptations of David were Satanically inspired. However, on at least one occasion, the veil is parted and we get a view of Satan's working. In 1st Chronicles 21:1 we read:

*"And Satan stood up against Israel, and enticed David to number Israel."*

This was contrary to God's Word and resulted in judgment by a plague which took 70,000 lives.

Daniel is one of the most godly men in Biblical history. He was also a man mighty in prayer, seen not only in deliverance from the lions, but more so in the revelations given to him by God. Satan found himself powerless in getting Daniel to sin so he tried to obstruct Daniel's prayers. In Daniel 10, we are told that Daniel's answer to prayer was delayed three weeks, for the angel sent by God to reveal the course of future events was delayed for three weeks by demonic forces.

It is in the life of Jesus and of the apostles that we see the work of Satan and his hosts of demons more fully revealed. There we see him "blinding the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God,

should shine unto them." (II Corinthians 4:4) In the parable of the sower, Satan is pictured as a bird, eating up the seed before it has a chance to sprout—the seed being the Word of God which a person hears, but before it has an opportunity to be considered, it is forgotten. Satan has removed it from the mind or caused the person to forget it or pay no attention to it.

The mind is the central battleground for Satanic working. He can suggest thoughts without our even realizing that the thoughts are Satanically inspired. Take for example, Peter. Peter was a leader among the disciples of Jesus, and perhaps for that reason, came under particular attack by Satan. The first of these may be seen in a subtle and most natural suggestion in response to Jesus' mention of His coming death.

*"From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."*

*Then Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall not be unto thee."*

*But He turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan. Thou art an offense unto me; for*



*thou savorest not the things that are of God, but those that are of men."*

—Matthew 16:21-23

Peter was not even aware that Satan had put this thought into his mind, but Jesus recognized the source immediately. Countless numbers, down through the ages, have had suggestions put into their minds that have opposed God's Word and will, and unless one is well versed in God's Word, he can easily be led into false doctrine.

Satan, or one of his host of demons may also bring filthy thoughts to the mind, or thoughts of envy, malice, or bitterness against another, or thoughts of murder or suicide, or of guilt. If we have given in to some sin—whether of thought or deed—Satan then will lay a heavy guilt upon one, even after the deed has been confessed to God and forgiven.

In Luke 22:31 and 32, we read:

*"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat;*

*But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."*

Shortly after warning Peter of impending danger by Satan, Jesus led His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane for prayer. He explained to His disciples that His soul was exceeding sorrowful, even unto death, and requested that they support Him in prayer. He left them to go a little further into the Garden to pray alone. When He returned to them, they were asleep. Jesus awoke Peter and warned him to "watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." This should have alerted Peter to his danger, but shortly after, he fell asleep again. Though we are not told this, it is my opinion that Satan was behind the heavy drowsiness that Peter experienced—just as he has been so many times since when people have tried to pray or read God's Word. (This has been especially true when a person has been experiencing demonic oppression. Whenever they have tried to read the Bible or pray, a heavy drowsiness comes over them, yet they are wide awake if they attempt to read anything else.)

A little later we find Peter cursing and swearing that he didn't know the Person of Jesus Christ. Again, were it not for the prayer of our Lord for Peter, it is quite possible that Peter also could have committed suicide because of the great depth of agony and guilt and distress in having denied his Lord.

In Acts 5, we read of Ananias and Sapphira, members of the church, who sold some land but decided to give only part of the money from the sale to the church though pretending to be giving it all. Peter recognized this as a Satanic suggestion to bring sin into the church and thus weaken its effectiveness. The Holy Spirit led Peter to recognize the deception and God brought immediate chastisement to Ananias and Sapphira as a warning to others.

We see special demonic activity in believers in the use of the tongue. James is very specific in naming the source of an evil tongue.

*"The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell."*

*The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

*Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the similitude of God.*

*Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.*

*But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.*

*This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly sensual, demoniacal.*

*For where envying and strife are, there is confusion and every evil work.*

*But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.*

*And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by them that make peace."*

—James 3:6, 8-10, 14-18

As the scripture says, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Christians who allow bitterness, envy and strife in their hearts have given ground to Satan. This does not mean that such are demon possessed, but it does mean they have given opportunity for Satan to intensify their attitudes against others and to express those attitudes with their tongue—bringing hurt, division and even destruction to the harmony of the church and in the relationships of family and church members.

Demons gain entrance into the heart,

mind, and life through our sinful human nature. As believers in Christ, we are to recognize the source of such attitudes and thoughts and confess them and resist them and the source of them, the devil, and to submit ourselves to God for victory. It is in the context of giving in to sinful desires of the flesh that James also says:

*"God gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."*

—James 4:6, 7

One of Satan's areas of most vigorous attacks upon the church is in regard to FALSE DOCTRINE. Hardly would the Apostle Paul get a church going and organized under leaders and leave it to begin somewhere else when false teachers would come along and try to confuse the saints and lead them into error. The Galatian church is a good example of this. In Galatians 1:6-9, we read:

*"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel, ("another" in the sense of a completely other kind)*

*Which is not another; but there are some that would trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.*

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

*As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."*

The devil is constantly seeking to distort, minimize, weaken, or reject the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior in the minds of men. His gospel would deny our Lord's birth through the Virgin Mary or His death on the cross as the complete payment for our sins, His bodily resurrection, His coming again for His own, and a final judgment for unbelievers.

It is an interesting though very sad fact that many of the cult leaders of today as well, as of history, are those who grew up under Christian influence but rebelled, or even had their start in the gospel ministry, but then turned aside. Some turned from the truth because of personal immorality. Others through pride, love of money or desire for power. Their pathway to



"He spoke to me audibly . . . He said He would teach me the Word as

How important it is for us to heed the words of Scripture to "Study to

When a person becomes a Christian, he still retains the old nature which is little different from the nature of Satan. It is filled with self—self-assertion, self-exultation, self-satisfaction, and self-glorification. However, the Christian also has a new nature by which he can experience the peace, joy, and victory of Jesus Christ. But to know victory, he must seek those things which are of God. He must starve or dry up the source of evil



that has controlled his life and feed his mind on that which is good and wholesome—and especially on God's Word which cleanses, refreshes and strengthens the soul.

#### THE NEED FOR THE RENEWING OF THE MIND

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."*

—Romans 12:1, 2

*"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

*That ye put off concerning the former manner of life the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lust,*

*And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

*And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."*

—Ephesians 4:17, 22-24

We need the renewing of the mind constantly, not just once for all. But how do we have our mind renewed? Well, in about the same way we would renew our body. Our body may be very tired at the end of a hard day's work. It is renewed with food and rest.

Our spirits are renewed by spiritual food, the Word of God. We are also renewed by rest—by resting in the Lord. Commitment and trust brings rest to our spirits. We are taught:

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.*

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

—Philippians 4:6, 7

This renewing is by the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God, leading into faith. The Christian life is a faith-life—a life of dependence on God for His strength to overcome temptation, for resisting Satanic attacks, and for witness and service.

God has made abundant provision for the believer to experience day by day victory over sin and power for service, and it is for all who will but "trust and obey."

# MISSIONS

## For Praise & Prayer

"So we ourselves ought to support such people . . . to be fellow workers with them in the truth." III John 8.

### Angola, Africa

(letter from Darrell and Barbara Hockersmith)

C. P. 33 Lubango  
Rep. Pop. de Angola  
(via Portugal)

Dear Faithful One,

"For a great door, and effectual, is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." I Corinthians 16:9. With Paul, we praise God for the continued open door to preach the Gospel. Yes, in Angola, as rumors of war surround us on every hand, the lack of food is more evident and uncertainties exist in every part, we sense many enemies at work, yet praise God for His protection, the meeting of every need and the privilege of spreading and teaching His glorious Word.

Christmas, 1982 has come and gone. With slower Christmas mail service, we enjoyed the many lovely Christmas cards and greetings from you received in late January. Due to the generous giving of local friends, we had a delicious chicken Christmas dinner shared with some high school students who are in Lubango away from home. Very few food items went on sale in the

stores before Christmas and it was a "fight for one's life" to succeed in buying anything. The confusion was even worse because gallon jugs of wine from Spain were being sold at the same time. Joy was evident in the hearts of each of us who enjoyed the church Christmas activities - young people's Christmas play presented Christmas Eve, worship service Christmas morning and the children's program presented Sunday afternoon. At midnight Christmas Eve, gunfire throughout the city continued for a half hour causing many to wonder if the "enemy" had arrived in Lubango. The result was an order by the district governor to search many houses in the city three days later (starting at 1 a.m.) to confiscate illegal arms. On New Year's Eve 45 minutes of gunfire and fireworks took place on the outskirts of the city, rather than inside it.

Just after Christmas, due to Angola's new telephone service both Paul and Dave finally got calls through to us after trying for several days. What precious Christmas gifts! We rejoice that God is working, using and blessing each of our sons and their families.

We greatly rejoice in recent money gifts towards the purchase of Bible and Christian books, as well as a few gifts to help on the transport of them. The need continues, so do pray with us.

Dr. Bob and Belva Foster returned to England on 24th January after their three-week visit in Angola. The Uniaco annual general assembly was held in Namibe during their visit. In spite of great difficulties encountered in traveling, delegates arrived from as far away as Luena, Chitembo and Menongue. One delegate arrived in time to take part in the last afternoon of meetings.

During the visit of the Fosters, classes in the Bible College were suspended, but once again we are into the full school program. Both teachers and students covet your prayer fellowship.

Thank you for your faithfulness. We sense a presence and force beyond ourselves during these difficult days and praise God for your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ's love  
Darrell and Barbara



Manila, Philippines

Letter from Larry and Jan Allen)

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Christy is enjoying life these days. She is as chattering in Kankanaey with her friends when we were in Kibungan. At Bagabag, where we are spending Christmas, she is back with her long-time MK (Missionary kids) friends. As usual, she is a real angel about helping care for her baby brother.



Marty has been only a blur on the horizon since Christmas morning when his eyes opened wide at the sight of a new silver bike! He is a socially-minded fellow, always on the move, always with the gang.



Larry has finished the first draft of an abridgement of Genesis (around 850 verses) and is now deep into Thessalonians. He finds it more difficult than Genesis. Somehow, verses like "There was a famine in the land," are easier to put into Kankanaey than verses like "The secret power of lawlessness is already at work"!



Lord willing, the New Year will see us back in Kibungan, working busily to finish Timothy and Titus, and get already-translated portions ready for the final consultant-check at the March workshop in Bagabag. Our plans are to publish two booklets - Genesis portions and Thessalonians-Titus.

Pancho Wence and Bernard Bugsit are again involved with Larry in the translation process. Pray for them!

Neither has yet made the decision to follow Jesus. A high school senior named Tony has also shown interest and real ability in helping us spot unfamiliar words and missed meanings. Lydia, one of our helpers in Manila, may again be helping me with the housework - a real need. Both Tony and Lydia are firm believers, but have experienced real opposition and ridicule from friends and relatives. They also need your prayers.

February will bring a new experience for us all. A children's dorm is being constructed at the Bagabag Center, and Christy and Marty are eager to be its first residents. They will attend the Center school while the rest of us continue the work in Kibungan. We'll try it for a month and see how we all respond! It will mean I won't have to teach them in Kibungan that month and will have time to help check the translation. We would appreciate your prayers for both of us and the children during this time.

In Christian love,  
Jan (for the Allen Family)

## Christian Education Corner

By Rev. Hugh Mainord

What do your Sunday school records tell you about your Sunday school? In general, they tell you how effective you are in your outreach (getting new members), and how interested the members are in the class (absenteeism and average attendance). Unless you are in a dying community, something is wrong if new people are not being reached and your Sunday school seeing growth. Of course, not only should a Sunday school be reaching new members, but holding the present members as well.

By way of illustration, I have chosen at random two of our Sunday school departments and their records for December, 1982, which I have called "Department 1" and "Department 2." Abbreviations are as follows: "Enr." indicates enrollment (teacher included), "N. M." the new members, "av. attn." the average attendance, and the last columns indicate how many students were absent all month and for two or more consecutive months.

	Enr.	N.M.	av. attn.	1 mo.	2 mo.
DEPARTMENT 1					
Class 1	9	0	6	1	1
Class 2	6	0	3	1	1
Class 3	6	0	4	0	0
Class 4	7	0	3	3	2
Totals	28	0	16	5	4
DEPARTMENT 2					
Class 1	10	0	6	2	1
Class 2	10	1	7	1	0
Class 3	10	0	5	3	2
Class 4	10	0	6	0	0
Class 5	7	0	5	1	0
Class 6	7	0	5	0	0
Class 7	8	0	6	0	0
Class 8	10	2	6	0	0
Class 9	7	0	6	0	0
Class 10	7	0	5	2	1
Class 11	8	0	5	5	5
Class 12	12	0	5	5	5
Totals	106	3	67	14	9

It is natural to have more visitors than new members and every class may not see new members added each month. But, with as many unreached children, young people and adults as there are in most communities, including ours, each department should

be experiencing growth and each class should be seeing one or more additions each quarter.

When visitors do enroll, indicating they want to become a regular part of the class, it is important that the teacher get their name, address, phone number, birthday, and the name of the parents on a written record. This is essential for follow-up later on when the person is absent for two or three weeks.

Looking at the statistics for Department 1, we note that they are averaging only 57% of their enrollment, and that four classes in the two departments are averaging 50% or less in attendance. When the average attendance drops below 60%, it indicates a problem and a need for evaluation and steps taken to bring the average back up.

How can absentees be reclaimed? Cards or letters are rarely effective if the child has been absent for two or more months. Cards serve best when a child is absent through illness and the card is a reminder that he is missed and there is prayer and wishes for a speedy recovery. Phone calls are most effect if a friendly relationship has been established with the parents. A personal visit is by far the most effective contact with the home. For a lady to make a call on a home of one of her



Sunday school children, it might be wise to take another person along. This can sometimes be another child in the class.

When making a visit, what does one say? After identifying yourself and your church, you would simply express loving concern for the absentee. Where possible, it would be well to express your desire to work **with** the parents in the spiritual training of the child. You can indicate what you are presently studying in class, and leave some take-home papers or other Christian literature. Tell of other classes and activities in the church that would be of interest to both child and parent—or other members of the household.

If you discover that the child is having a problem with another child in the class or is not challenged by the teacher, or desires to attend a different class where there is a friend, try to work out these problems with the department head. Naturally, our first interest is in getting the child under the influence of the Word of God, and some adjustments may need to be made to facilitate this.

Should you feel that a pastoral call is needed in the home, let the pastor know about it right away. Be sure to report your visit to your superintendent, providing information that may be helpful for future visits by others.

Together, we can reach new members and keep the present members from leaving or dropping away.

For further help, I recommend the book, *Sunday School Standards* by Lowell E. Brown (Regal Books), published for International Center for Learning.

## *The Question Which God Cannot Answer*

The Rev. John Alex. Dowie

*From Leaves of Healing, September 13, 1895*

Is there such a question? Can any enquiry of man be beyond the power of the infinitely wise God to answer?

Yes, there is one, and, so far as I can see, only one, which even God cannot answer. It is this: — “How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?” (Heb. 2:3) The Saviour

cannot answer it: for He has said, “No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.” (John 14:16).

It was a dark and cold winter evening in a great city. Crowds of eager feet were passing over the street, and, “homeward-bound” the tired and weary toilers were returning from thousands of busy shops, warehouses, and factories. There were no lingerers; for the keen, cutting wind drove them onward to seek shelter. Amongst the multitudes, was a certain rich merchant, who had chosen to walk to his home that evening. Suddenly he stopped, as he heard a voice near him say, in a plaintive tone, which touched his heart, “There is none other name.” He stepped aside, to the sheltered nook from whence the words came. There, in a doorway, he saw a blind man sitting, with a book in raised letters upon his knees, from which he was evidently reading. But his fingers were benumbed with the cold, and he had evidently lost the place: for he repeated the words, “None other name,” over and over again, until he found the spot. The gentleman’s curiosity was aroused, and he listened, as the blind man, going a few words further back, now read out in clear but tremulous tones, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12). “Ah, it is the Bible, said the merchant, as he resumed his walk. Yes, it was the Bible, the eternal truth of the eternal God, and it proved itself once more to be “the sword of the Spirit:” for it entered into his hard and worldly heart, and gave him no rest from that moment, night nor day, until he found rest and salvation in Christ. Kind reader, “There is none other Name,” through which you can find salvation. No saint, however holy, can bring salvation; no works, however good or many, can purchase salvation: for only Jesus can save.

“One offer of salvation,  
To all the world made known;  
The only sure foundation  
Is Christ, the Corner Stone.”

“No other name is given  
No other way is known;  
’Tis Jesus Christ the First and  
Last;

He saves, and He alone.”

But reader, bethink thee, how shalt THOU escape, if thou dost neglect so great salvation?

REMEMBER HOW GREAT A WORK SALVATION IS: It took the

power of the Highest to accomplish it; and when He cried “It is finished,” it was in the moment when, on the Cross, He poured out His life unto death, in His infinite love for thee and me. On a white marble tombstone over a soldier’s grave, in a South American cemetery, these four words are chisled: “He died for me.” They are a memorial of gratitude, engraved there by the man for whom the soldier died as a substitute twenty years ago. May thy heart be a tablet on which thou dost engrave the name of “Jesus,” who loved thee, and gave Himself for thee, who pleads for thee as thine Advocate above, and who now pleads by His Spirit with thy heart, wooing thee to yield to His boundless love and be forever saved. Oh, listen to His voice, as He once more stands knocking at thy heart’s door.

“I should not plead with thee in vain;

Remember all My grief and pain;

I died to ransom thee from sin;

May I come in? may I come in?”

“Rabbi,” said a young man to the famous and wise Rabbi Eliezer, “What time is soon enough for a man to repent of sin, turn to God, and be saved?” Looking earnestly upon him the Rabbi replied, “One day before death,” and went on his way. The next day, after an anxious, sleepless night of thought, the young man came to the good old man, and said - “But, Rabbi, how shall a man be sure which is the day before death?” “Therefore,” rejoined the faithful teacher, “thou shouldest repent and seek God’s mercy today.” And so, kind reader, I beseech thee, do not delay, lest death overtake thee, and repentance come too late.

Twenty-three years ago, in Whitefield Chapel, Carrubber’s Close, Edinburgh, I was earnestly urging instant decision for Christ upon a deeply impressed audience. Just in front of the platform, a woman’s white and eagerly anxious face attracted my notice, and, as I pleaded, she wept much to the annoyance of her husband at her side. I appealed, at the close of the service, to all the anxious, to remain to an after-meeting. I heard her say to her companion, “John, let me stay;” to which he angrily whispered loud enough for me to hear, “Come away, Jessie woman, come away: dinna make me ashamed.” A few nights later, I saw the same man again; but he was alone this time. He seemed very earnest, and remained to the after-meeting. Going up to him, I said



Where is your wife tonight?" I will never forget the look of agony on that man's face, as he said with tears, "Oh, if I only was sure, she's dead - she's dead - I am to blame, if her soul is in hell: for she died the very last night she was here, and I widna let her stop." Yes, where was her immortal spirit? I just that He who sees the heart, saw that she loved Him, and that like the woman who bathed His feet with tears of repentance and faith, she too was forgiven. But, oh, what a memory for any man, that he barred his wife's pathway to the Saviour's feet. Reader, thou not hindering someone dear to thee from being saved? Thou art named of Christ, but thou art not named to sin, and drive other souls to hell before thee. Oh, reader beware. How shalt thou escape, when the world in a day, like a cloud rolls away, and eternity opens to view? How shalt thou escape, if thou art amongst those who cry, "Mountains and rocks, hide on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great Day of His wrath is come; and we shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6, 17).

"Should the death angel knock at your chamber  
In the still watch of tonight,  
Say will your spirit pass into darkness,  
Or to the land of delight  
Say, are you ready? oh, are you ready,  
If the death-angel should call?  
Say, are you ready, oh, are you ready?  
Mercy stands waiting for all!

## Praise God For Returned Baby

Many of the fellowship of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, Phoenix are especially among our congregation at the Inscription House Navajo Mission are rejoicing in answer to prayer! On Sunday, January 23, 1983 a baby was born to Danny and Elizabeth Chee at the Tuba City Hospital. They are grateful to God for the safe delivery of their second child. They have a little girl also.

On Monday, January 24th, Benjamin (1 day old) was kidnapped from Tuba City Hospital by two uniden-

tified women. The police were notified and an investigation pursued to find this child. The prayer circles at the headquarters church were engaged in praying as well as the fellowship of the church in Phoenix and, of course, the Navajo congregation.

On Thursday, January 27th, a call was received from the police that Benjamin, still less than one week old, was recovered from the two women in Phoenix, Arizona, some 240 miles away.

How we thank God for answered prayer. The mother of this kidnapped child is the former Elizabeth Tate, daughter of Rev. Roy Tate, who has served for many years as one of the Navajo pastors at Inscription House Navajo Mission of the Christian Catholic Church.



Elizabeth and Danny Chee with son Benjamin, the kidnapped baby, at Missions Conference in Phoenix Church.



Among those attending the Missionary Conference at Zion Mountain View Chapel, l. to r.: Danny Delmar and son from Inscription House, Pastor Gene Clymer, and Rev. Bernard Reimer, superintendent of Inscription House Navajo Mission.

Recently General Overseer and Mrs. Ottersen attended the Missions Conference held February 18-20 at our Zion Mtn. View Chapel in Phoenix. While there, a group from the Navajo congregation traveled to Phoenix to minister in song and share testimonies during this conference. It was the privilege of the Ottersen's to see Danny and Elizabeth Chee, daughter, Tashina and baby Benjamin. The picture was taken at the missionary conference in Phoenix.

Once again, we are grateful that Danny and Elizabeth bore testimony to God's answering prayer for their kidnapped child. The congregation at Inscription House Mission rejoiced together in this wonderful answer to prayer.

We pray that God will continue to bless the work at Inscription House Navajo Mission and ask all the fellowship of the C.C.C. worldwide to continue praying for Rev. Bernard Reimer and his wife, Edna, as they serve as Superintendent of the Mission.

## New Help In Learning To Read English

In the United States as well as in other countries, there are many who are seeking to learn how to read and speak the English language. In the United States alone, there are many millions of people who cannot read the English language. Some are immigrants or refugees who have recently entered our country. Others are school dropouts or those who have gone through high school but have never learned to read—and that, sadly, is happening all too frequently.

In other countries, there are those who are seeking to learn to read in English in order to be able to read books in English, or perhaps to improve their job skills, or even with the hope of visiting English speaking countries.

The desire to learn to read and speak the English language provides a great opportunity for ministry to a Christian who is willing to give two or so hours a week to help another in this way. In fact, there is a desperate need in almost every city in America for tutors.

Now, there is combined in one book the latest techniques for taking a person from total ignorance of the English language to the fifth grade reading level. Furthermore, it combines the Gospel, very simply woven into each lesson, providing opportunity for further discussion with the pupil as the desire for it arises. The book is almost self-explanatory so that any person with a fifth or sixth grade reading level can tutor another, with just a little preliminary explanation of the system of learning.

The book is called, FIRM FOUNDATIONS, A Complete English



Primer-Reader Series with Bible Content, by William E. Kafmehl Jr., Ph.D., and is published by Literacy and Evangelism, Inc., 4202 E. 59th Pl., Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135. The book sells for about \$20.

The same material is also being published in other languages in order to teach people to read in their native tongue in various countries of the world. What languages are now in print, I don't know. However, further information and purchases may be made through the following:

Allegheny County Literacy Council  
Christian Literacy Associates  
43 Ann Arbor, Pittsburgh, PA 15229

By the way, this material is also excellent for teaching your own child to read.

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## Camp Zion Update

Plans are going ahead for a new all-purpose building at Camp Zion, in order to meet needs for our continuing Camp ministry. Through the blessing of God and the generosity of God's people, we now have \$76,989 saved for the new building (as of February 28). We will only build as funds are available and we hope to begin as soon as plans are completed and there has been a proper estimate of materials and cost. We are still expecting to begin this summer, and as much as possible, will use volunteer labor to cut costs.

After our Mid-year Business Meeting on March 20th, we should have more information which will appear in the next issue of the Leaves.

Program plans for camp this summer are going well and by May 1st, we expect to have most periods nearly filled with reservations.

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## Visitation Evangelism

In January of 1982, Earl Minton and Hugh Mainord attended a week of concentrated training in "Evangelism Explosion" at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Later in 1982, David and Carolyn Switzer took the same training in Rockford, Illinois. This training is now being given to selected lay members and there are now three teams who go out weekly to share their faith. Each team consists of three members.

God is using these teams and there have been several who have trusted Christ as Savior through their friendly visits to the home and having the opportunity of sharing the gospel.

Pray for David and Carolyn as they lead in this training program and for those who are out each week for the purpose of reaching out in love to others.

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## Abraham - Matured In Faith

There are many "outstanding" chapters in the Bible—chapters which contain so much in the way of doctrine, inspiration, and challenge. Genesis 22 is one of those chapters. It is the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac—but it is more, far more. It is an example of mature faith, and it provides great pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The verse that has spoken much to my own heart is verse 5:

*"And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you."*

After waiting for twenty-five years for a son, from the time the promise had first been given, Sarah gave birth to Isaac, long after she was too old to have a child. Isaac was the son of promise and so dear to the hearts of both Abraham and Sarah. How they must have watched his every move, delighting in his every development. Then, when he had become a young man, God commanded Abraham to take him to a mountain He would show him, and offer Isaac as a burnt sacrifice. Abraham obeyed and set out.

As he came near to the place where he was to offer Isaac, he told the young men to wait there while he and Isaac went to worship and then return. The word that most stands out in that verse and chapter is the word, "worship."

To obey God at this point was the greatest test of his faith in his whole life. With what mixtures of feelings of agony, doubt, faith, fear, hope, and unanswered questions he must have climbed the hill of Mt. Moriah—near where later our Lord was crucified.

It takes a mature faith to be able to worship God as we see a loved one, especially one of our little ones, desperately ill, or to lay the body of one of our precious ones in the grave.

Abraham worshipped God even though he had no idea how God would fulfill the promise given concerning Isaac—that through him he would give descendants as the stars of the heaven for number.

We, too, can worship God in every

circumstance—when we know the character of God—that He is loving and wise and perfect in all His ways. We, too, can "stand upon the promises," knowing His way is best.

In the story of Abraham and Isaac, we see many pictures of our Lord Jesus Christ. A few are listed below, but perhaps you can find more.

Isaac was a child of promise.

So was Christ.

Isaac was born miraculously.

So was Christ.

Isaac brought joy to the Father.

So did Christ

Isaac was persecuted by his brother.

Christ "came unto his own, and his own received Him not."

Abraham offered his only and beloved son.

So did God the Father.

Isaac was willing to lay down his life in sacrifice.

So was Christ.

God provided a substitute for Isaac.

So has He for us.

Isaac experienced a resurrection (imtype) having been bound and laid on the altar for sacrifice.

Christ was literally resurrected from the dead.

Isaac became the father of a multitude.

So the death of Christ has brought a multitude into the family of God.

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## National Day of Prayer

President Reagan has officially proclaimed May 5, 1983 as a "National Day of Prayer." Ask God to unite leaders to rally believers to participate in this significant prayer effort. Pray that a profound spirit of repentance, supplication and intercession will cover this land—releasing God's order and righteousness on our nation.

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## In Memoriam

Mr. Louis Hutcheson, January 23, 1983, in California.

Mr. Gordon Johnson, February 7, 1983, in Zion.

Mr. Arthur Brownlow, March 7, 1983, in Arizona.

Mr. Arland Cliff, March 11, 1983, in Zion.

Mrs. Donald (Mary) Binniger (nee King), March 21, 1983, in Winthrop Harbor.

Mr. Wilbur Wright, March 31, 1983, in Zion.

Mr. Harold Zweizig, April 1, 1983, in Zion.